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SUBJECT: SECRETARY BERGLAND'S ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION TO  
VISIT USSR

PLEASE DELIVER TO MINAG THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARY  
BERGLAND TO MINISTER MESYATS. HOPE LETTER CAN BE DELIVERED  
PRIOR TO OR SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH TRANSMITTAL OF DETAILS ON  
ITINERARY AND PROGRAM BEING SENT IN SEPARATE CABLE.

HONORABLE V. K. MESYATS  
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE OF  
THE USSR  
MOSCOW, USSR

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION TO MAKE AN OFFICIAL  
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VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION THIS SPRING. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS,  
I HAVE MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN, AS WELL AS TO OFFI-  
CIAL SOVIET VISITORS, THAT I HAVE LONG WANTED TO VISIT YOUR  
COUNTRY. THEREFORE, IT IS WITH REAL PLEASURE AND A GREAT  
DEAL OF ANTICIPATION THAT I ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION ON  
BEHALF OF MRS. BERGLAND AND MYSELF.

IN TURN, I HOPE THAT YOUR CALENDAR WILL PERMIT YOU AND MRS. MESYATS TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES THIS YEAR. I BELIEVE THAT YOUR ASSOCIATES WHO HAVE VISITED THE UNITED STATES--DEPUTY MINISTERS RUNOV, GOL'TSOV AND NEGRU-VODE IN PARTICULAR--WILL CONFIRM THAT YOU WILL FIND MUCH OF INTEREST IN AMERICAN AGRICULTURE. I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING WITH YOU ANY PERSONAL INTERESTS, POSSIBLE TIMING, AND OTHER DETAILS OF YOUR VISIT.

I BELIEVE THAT U.S.-USSR COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN EACH OF THEM. AS YOU NOTED, WE ALREADY HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN THIS COOPERATION. HOWEVER, WE ARE BOTH AWARE, I BELIEVE, OF AREAS WHERE FURTHER PROGRESS SHOULD BE MADE TO ENSURE THE LONG-RUN VIABILITY OF OUR COOPERATION.

I LOOK FORWARD TO PERSONALLY DISCUSSING WITH YOU WAYS TO IMPROVE AND BROADEN COOPERATION UNDER OUR AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT. I ALSO ANTICIPATE THAT THE VISIT WILL PROVIDE A CONVENIENT AND USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH SOVIET AGRICULTURE.

IF IT IS CONVENIENT FOR YOU, I PROPOSE TO VISIT THE USSR DURING MAY 7-16. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW, I AM PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN VISITING KIEV, TSELINOGRAD  
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AND LENINGRAD. WITH YOUR AGREEMENT, THE DETAILS OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE WORKED OUT BY THE STAFFS OF OUR DEPARTMENT AND MINISTRY AND TRANSMITTED THROUGH OUR AGRICULTURAL ATTACHES.

I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU IN MOSCOW.

SINCERELY,

/S/  
BOB BERGLAND  
SECRETARY COOPER

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